



August 14, 2019

Commissioner Laura Bishop
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Re: Hwy 100/CSAH 3 Groundwater Site

Dear Commissioner Bishop,

In the cities of St. Louis Park and Edina, our first priority is protecting the health and safety of our residents and the environment. That's why Edina invested \$8.2 million in 2012 to build a new water treatment plant and St. Louis Park spent \$3.5 million in 2017 to upgrade its water treatment facilities to continue to deliver clean, safe drinking water to our residents after VOC contamination was detected in the aquifers beneath our cities. And that's why we fully support listing the Highway 100/CSAH 3 Groundwater Site on the National Priorities List ("NPL") in order to identify the sources of the contamination, pursue additional remedies and hold the polluters accountable.

We believe the most accurate and effective way to depict the groundwater contamination in the Prairie du Chien/Jordan aquifer in the documentation supporting the NPL listing is with a map (similar to the attached draft) which identifies the likely source area and the affected municipal drinking water wells and monitoring/industrial wells where VOC concentrations exceeded the maximum contaminant levels. This data-driven representation of the site clearly illustrates the contiguous area of groundwater contamination which serves as the basis for including the site on the NPL without the uncertainty and potential confusion inherent in drawing an inferred plume boundary on a surface map encompassing a broad swath of St. Louis Park and Edina.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to pursue the further investigations necessary to identify the parties responsible for the contamination and to restore the environment.

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions. Thank you.

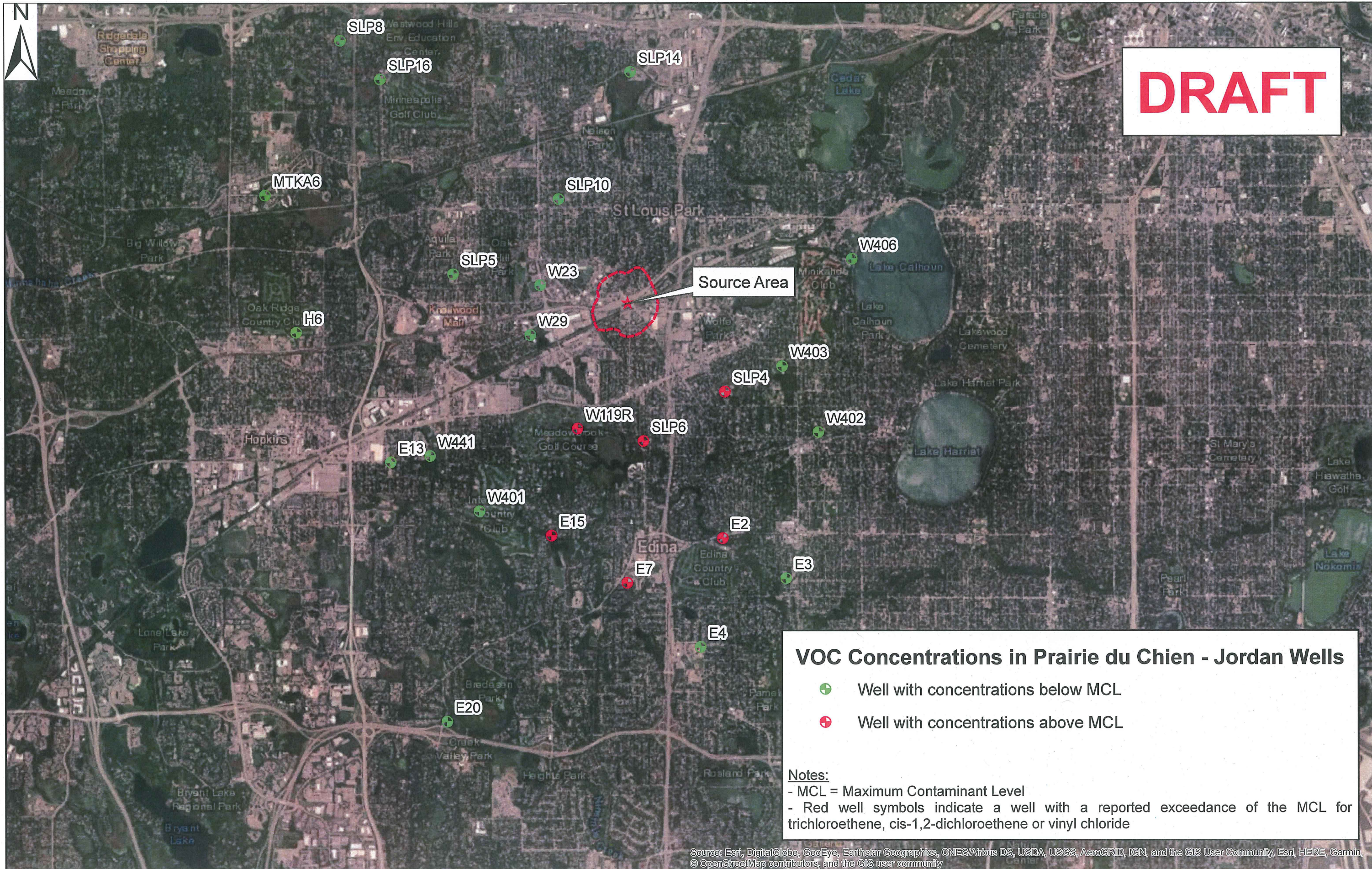
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Jake Spano, Mayor
City of St. Louis Park

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Hovland".

James Hovland, Mayor
City of Edina

c: Tom Harmening
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David Zoll



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VOC Concentrations in Prairie du Chien - Jordan Wells

- Well with concentrations below MCL
- Well with concentrations above MCL

Notes:
- MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level
- Red well symbols indicate a well with a reported exceedance of the MCL for trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene or vinyl chloride